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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD: GROUP B POSITION ON
COMMODITIES

REF: (A) GENEVA 1931, (B) GENEVA 1932

1. IN SMALL WORKING PARTY OF GROUP B AND GENERAL DISCUSSION
IN GROUP B AS A WHOLE WHICH FOLLOWED THIS AFTERNOON (MARCH 15),
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND SCANDANAVIAN REPS CEDED ON MOST
OF THE OUTSTANDING POINTS IN GROUP B DRAFT PAPER ON COMMODITIES.
(TEXT OF PAPER REPORTED REFTEL (A) AND OUR COMMENTS
ON IT IN REFTEL (B). ONE EXCEPTION WAS WORD
QUOTE INTEGRATED UNQUOTE, ON WHICH WE AND JAPANESE DEL
REMAINING FIRM. THIS APPEARED TO BE PART OF STRATEGY ON
PART OF OTHERS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON US/JAPANESE ISOLATION
ON QUOTE INTEGRATED UNQUOTE ISSUE, AND ALSO TO BEGIN NOW TO
PRESS ON FOR EARLY TABLING OF DOCUMENT IN TDB AS GROUP B
POSITION. UNDERSTOOD BY OTHERS IN GROUP B THAT ENTIRE TEXT IS
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AD REFERENDUM AND THAT US (AND JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA AS

WELL) OPPOSED TO EARLY TABLING OF ANY DRAFT, AND THAT WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF TABLING AT ALL.

2. COMMUNITY REP (RUSSELL) MADE THREE POINTS AT CONCLUSION OF GENERAL GROUP B DISCUSSION: (1) EC BELIEVED THERE WAS ENOUGH COMPREHENSIVENESS IN TEXT THAT APPROACH IT OUTLINES COULD BE CALLED QUOTE INTEGRATED UNQUOTE; (2) TEXT WAS NOT A DOCUMENT ON WHICH GROUP B SHOULD NEGOTIATE ANY CHANGES DURING TDB; (3) WE SHOULD EXAMINE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME (SOME OTHER DELS PROPOSED MORNING OF MARCH 16) WHETHER THIS VERSION IS ACCEPTABLE TO CAPITALS AND WHETHER IT SHOULD BE TABLED. RUSSELL'S VIEW WAS THAT TABLING SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, SINCE THIS WAS THE LAST DAY THE CONTACT GROUPS MET AND SUBMITTED THEIR REPORTS TO TDB PRESIDENT'S GROUP.

3. IN THE INTERIM, GROUP B SPOKESMAN (CUTTAT, SWISS) AUTHORIZED BY GROUP B TO BASE HIS ORAL PRESENTATIONS ALONG LINES OF AGREED TEXT, BUT AVOIDING AREAS WHICH SUBJECT TO DISPUTE IN LATTER STAGES OF SMALL WORKING PARTY'S WORK ON PAPER.

4. SPECIFIC CHANGES IN TEXT FROM VERSION SUBMITTED IN GENEVA 1931 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) UNDER OBJECTIVES POINT 2, US DEOPPED BRACKETS ON WORD QUOTE APPROPRIATE, UNQUOTE WHEN GROUP AGREED TO FOLLOWING WORDING: QUOTE 2. TO FIND SUITABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF COMMODITY MARKETS, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS IN MARKET STRUCTURES IN THE FIELD OF RAW MATERIALS AND COMMODITIES OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNQUOTE.

(B) UNDER OBJECTIVES, POINT 6, EC, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA AGREED ON SLIGHT REWORDING OF US COMPROMISE VERSION TO READ AS FOLLOWS QUOTE TO SEEK TO IMPROVE MARKET ACCESS AND SECURITY OF SUPPLY OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS AND THE PROCESSED PRODUCTS THEREOF UNQUOTE.
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(C) UNDER MEASURES AND TECHNIQUES, CANADA DROPPED ITS OBJECTIONS TO SUB-HEAD READING QUOTE UNDERTAKINGS ON MARKET ACCESS AND SUPPLY UNQUOTE.

(D) UNDER PROCEDURES AND TIMETABLE, SECOND SECTION HEADNOTE, COMMUNITY DROPPED ITS INSISTENCE ON EXCLUSIVE ROLE FOR COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AND TEXT AGREED READS

QUOTE THE CONFERENCE SHOULD, FURTHERMORE, ARRANGE FOR
THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES OR SUCH OTHER EXISTING
BODY OF BODIES AS MAY BE AGREED TO BE APPROPRIATE:
UNQUOTE.

(E) IN PROCEDURES AND TIMETABLE, SECOND SECTION, NORDICS
AGREED TO DROP INSISTENCE OF SPECIFIC MENTION OF COMMON
FINANCING AND TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE READING QUOTE TO REVIEW
THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS
ON COMMODITIES, INCLUDING VARIOUS WAYS AND MEANS
OF FINANCING STOCKS UNQUOTE.

(F) IN PROCEDURES AND TIMETABLE, SECOND SECTION, COMMUNITY
AGREED TO DEOP SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO IMF, AND
ACCEPTED TEXT WHICH READS QUOTE TO EVALUATE THE SITUATION
ON COMPENSATORY FINANCE IN THE LIGHT OF IMPROVEMENTS
MADE UNQUOTE

(G) IN PROCEDURES AND TIMETABLE, SECOND SECTION, US,
AT URGING OF OTHERS, AGREED TO DROP BRACKETS ON LANGUAGE
READING QUOTE AND TO RECOMMEND THE CONVENING OF
NEGOTIATING CONFERENCES, WHERE APPROPRIATE UNQUOTE
BECAUSE WE BELIEVE PHRASE AS IT STANDS SUFFICIENTLY
QUALIFIED AND DOES NOT COMMIT US TO ANYTHING.

5. DEL AT THIS POINT REQUIRES COMMENTS ON TEXT
WITH LATEST AMENDMENTS, PLUS ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE
AVAILABLE ON ISSUE OF WHETHER, AND IF SO WHEN, TO CONSIDER
TABLING TEXT. DALE

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